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The King in Kings **Bklyn Museum gets an**

By Meredith Deliso

The Brooklyn Pape The Brooklyn Museum is all shook up — over an African mask that looks like none other than Elvis Presley.

This Elvis sighting comes courtesy of the museum's new exhibition, "African Innovations," a mix of contemporary and ancient art pieces that emphasize interactions and familiarity with other parts of the world.

The intriguing tribal piece, worn by members of the Nyau, a society of the Chewa peoples in Malawi, is part of a genre of ceremonial masks that depict the King. And it's the cream of the crop.

"This is the best of this genre that I've seen," said Brooklyn Museum curator Kevin Dumouchelle. "It's the one that actually looks the most like Elvis, with the long, hairy sideburns and pom-

Indeed, there's the slight curl of the hair at the forehead and the trademark facial hair, as well as his dark, soulful



The Brooklyn Museum has restored a classic piece of African tribal garb: an Elvis Presley mask used by the Nyau Society of the Chewa peoples in Malawi.

eyes, and you can almost make out a snarl of the lips.

The hand-craved wooden piece was made in 1977 — the year of the King's death—and would have been worn during socialization rituals to show young boys improper behavior, like hand-holding in public. Similarly used masks de-

pict Charlie Chaplin, colonial officers and the Virgin Mary, said Dumouchelle, though he couldn't say why Elvis specifically was depicted for this use, and if it had anything to do personally with the hipswiveling hound dog.

"I'm not entirely sure if they See **ELVIS** on page 13

HOGAN'S ZEROES

Thieving PTA mom fails to pay back the money

By Thomas Tracy The Brooklyn Paper

The former PS 29 PTA treasurer who stole more than \$80,000 from school parents failed to make her first court-mandated reimbursement payment last Thursday — and prosecutors moved to toss out the controversial restitution deal that kept her out of jail in the first place.

Hogan was supposed to pony up \$40,000 of the \$82,000 she took from the PTA — the first payment in a deal that keeps her out of jail. But when she failed to produce the cash, Assistant District Attorney Kevin James asked Judge Suzanne Mondo to restart



Providence Hogan missed her first court-mandated reimbursement last Thursday.

the criminal trial that could lead to significant jail time.

"The people have had enough," James said. "[Hogan] was supposed to come up with the money today, but she's failed

Hogan was arrested in March for siphoning funds from the Henry Street school's PTA treasury between May, 2008 and September, 2010.

As treasurer, she had unfettered access to the PTA's checkbook and has admitted that she cut checks to herself ranging from \$6,000 to \$52,000, spending the funds on fertility treatments and the rent on both her home and Providence Day Spa, her Atlantic Avenue business.

DA Charles Hynes opted not to go to trial, offering Hogan a sweetheart deal instead: pay back everything and avoid jail.

Yet Hogan showed up in court empty-handed. She faces up to six years in prison if convicted in the increasingly inevitable trial.

Hogan claimed that she had raised a significant portion of the \$40,000, but blamed the NYPD for her failure to come up with the rest. During their investigation, cops seized her computer which contains the contact information for clients who owe her

See **HOGAN** on page 12



Riders like these can keep on pedaling, thanks to a judge's dismissal of a lawsuit against the Prospect Park West bike lane.

City: Ride on!

Judge kills PPW bike lane suit

By Natalie O'Neill

The city survived a legal challenge to the Prospect Park West bike lane this week, as a judge dismissed a lawsuit brought

by a group of well-connected neighbors on

technical grounds on Tuesday. Still, Supreme Court Justice Bert Bunyan made it clear in his ruling that Neighbors for Better Bike Lane's suit against the

world's most talked-about cycle path was "without Supporters of the bike

lane — including its controversial champion and The battle for Brooklyn's byways target of opponents' ire, Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-

Khan — hailed the ruling.

"Merely not liking a change is no basis for a frivolous lawsuit," Sadik-Khan said See PPW on page 12

Judge: You <u>can</u> complain about your boss

Gorilla Coffee owners' defamation lawsuit against walkout workers is thrown out

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

Hooray! It's not against the law to complain about your boss publicly!

That freedom was bolstered last Wednesday, when a judge dismissed

ers of Gorilla Coffee after several baristas publicly called them "perpetually malicious" and "demeaning."

Supreme Court Judge Wayne Saitta ruled that the workers, who walked out letter on the store's front door were well within the limits of non-libelous free speech.

"It's a great and important First Amendment victory," said Martin Gar-

a defamation case brought by the own- en masse and posted their poison pen bus, a top free speech lawyer who represented the baristas.

> Saitta also dismissed the same claim against New York Times food writer Oliver Strand, explaining the scribe's blog post about the dispute was legiti

mate journalism, not an endorsement of the allegedly libelous statement.

"I'm obviously relieved," said Strand. $\hbox{``There wasn't anything improper about}\\$ what we did. Everything was backed up and properly documented."

Former Gorilla Coffee employees also hailed the decision.

"We are extremely happy," said Lee Harrison, a former staffer. "[It] sends a message to workers that you can stand up for your rights."

The "Gorilla war" began — at least publically - last year, when workers See GORILLA on page 12



Island Brewing Company — the world's smallest brew-

Freaky brew Coney Island Brewing Co.

thinks small by the seashore

By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

The freak show just got another freak show.

Coney Island Brewing Com-

pany has opened what is believed to be the world's smallest brewery — a 175-square-foot shop on W. 12th Street that cranks out a gallon of brew per batch.

"You can buy a bottle at a time." said Jeremy Cowan, founder and owner of the company, an offshoot of the San Francisco-based Shmaltz Brewing Company. "It's our official new clubhouse in Coney Island."

The mini-beer garden—abeer shrub, really—was launched last Thursday in conjunction with Coney Island USA, the group that runs the Sideshow and the annual Mermaid Parade. In exchange for a penny for each bottle of "Albino Python" and "Sword Swallower" sold on-site, the arts group gives the brewery a rent-free space and use of Coney Island freakshow "We give a business with an

artistic sensibility a foothold in the neighborhood and hopefully they move on and become part of the neighborhood," said head freak Dick Zigun. "They need a jump start."

Indeed, this could be the beginning of a planned Brooklyn expansion, Cowan said.

'I'm looking for the right fit for our company to find a bigger home in Coney Island and to explore the rest of Brooklyn as well," Cowan said.

Coney Island Brewing Company (3008 W. 12th St. between Surf Avenue and Bowery Street on Coney Thursday-Sunday, Island). noon-6 pm. For information, visit coneyislandbrewingcompany.blogspot.com.

Library squeezes

By Kate Briquelet

The Brooklyn Paper

The Brooklyn Public Library will restore weekend hours at more than half of its branches this September thanks to a rule change that will make union employees do basic work when the library's actually open, not during overtime.

The number of branches that are closed on Saturdays will drop from 30 to 17 under the library's plan to conduct administrative tasks such as counting fines and shelving books during public hours. After the changes take affect, 32 of the library's 60 branches will be open six days a week.

"We are very excited to offer

increased hours to our patrons at a time when they need and are using our community libraries at record levels," said Linda Johnson, the system's new executive director. Earlier this year, Johnson scrambled to streamline services

when the mayor's budget threatened to chop more than \$20 million from its \$82-million alloca-



Bookworms will have more hours to browse, thanks to Brooklyn Public Library

tion to Brooklyn's library system. The city restored all but \$1 million of the funding, but the threat of a cut encouraged library executives to reorganize the work schedules.

tor of the Central Library branch at Grand Army Plaza, said that library officials implemented new technologies over the past five years — including online fine payments and an automated reservation system — but didn't bring their operations up to speed until Johnson ordered a review amid this year's budget threats. "Could this have been done

sooner?" Reyes-Gavilan said. "Possibly, but it wasn't. Since the economy went south, our focus See LIBRARY on page 12



ers (from left) Jody, Al and Jason Laboz have bought the first two floors of the Municipal Building and hope to open stores and a restaurant.

Munici-Mall

City sells base of Downtown gov't office for shops, food

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

A Manhattan developer has plunked down \$10 million to buy the first two floors of the Municipal Building, saying he'll transform it from a lifeless office into a retail hub - and bring in an

upscale restaurant. City officials announced on Monday that they had selected Al Laboz — who is also bringing H&M to the Fulton Mall next year — to develop the property on Joralemon Street where people ordinarily get marriage licenses or pay parking tickets.

The \$10-million purchase

price is about half of what experts said the property was worth – and it dashes hopes that Brooklyn would attract its first Apple store to one of its busiest corners.

But city officials - including Mayor Bloomberg — weren't complaining at the big announcement on Monday.

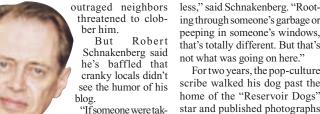
"Even though we weren't able to attract Steve Jobs here, thanks to Al we're getting something better—actual jobs," said Borough President Markowitz who pitched the location to Steve Jobs last year. He said the project would create 114 permanent See MUNIPICAL on page 2

Victory for Mr. Pink Sloper stops blogging about Buscemi's stoop

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

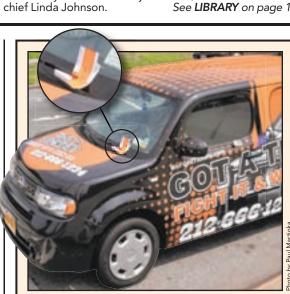
What's on Steve Buscemi's stoop? Park Slope residents say it's nobody's business!

A local blogger has shut down his site documenting the quirky actor's castoffs after the star's son asked him to stop snooping — and



ing through someone's garbage or peeping in someone's windows. Robert that's totally different. But that's Schnakenberg said he's baffled that not what was going on here." For two years, the pop-culture cranky locals didn't

scribe walked his dog past the home of the "Reservoir Dogs" star and published photographs of discarded doll heads, old casing pictures of the crap I put See **BUSCEMI** on page 13 out on my stoop, I couldn't care



A car advertising a law firm that proudly boasts that it will beat your parking ticket got a ticket on McDonald Avenue in Kensington.

Ticket master

Summons-fighting company gets a ticket of its own

By Thomas Tracy The Brooklyn Paper

Someone call the irony police: a sports utility vehicle covered in ads for a company that specializes in fighting parking tickets got a parking ticket of its own in Kensington on Aug. 9.

The sports utility vehicle, which was summonsed for ignoring alternate-side rules

Fort Hamilton Parkway, is a rolling advertisement for www.wefighttickets.com. "Got a ticket? Fight it and win it," is written on all sides

near McDonald Avenue and

of the Nissan vehicle, along with the company's web address and Manhattan phone number. Passers-by could only

laugh.

See **TICKET** on page 13

MUNICIPAL

and 64 temporary construc-

tion jobs. Apple did not even bid on the site, Markowitz said.

Laboz says he will bring in multiple chain stores, including a housewares depot and a locally owned full-service restaurant. The new eatery, however, won't be a Chipotle or Olive Garden. Laboz's contract bars

that has more than 15 locations nationwide

"We have no doubt we retail to this incredible lo-cation," Laboz said. "The building will sell itself."

The quest to fill the dour government building near Court Street with retail began in 2007, when the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership

released renderings of how the "dead space" could actually raise revenues for

The Municipal Building's privatization is part of the city's effort to consolidate money-sucking city will bring unique vibrant offices and make room for tax-paying shopping centers — which officials say will save up to \$36 million

The Downtown Brooklyn Partnership said last year that the two-floors could gross up to \$20 million -

double what Laboz will pay. City officials would not comment on the shortfall.

Laboz's selection to revive a key Downtown building is no surprise, given that he's chairman of the Fulton Street Mall Association and is an executive of the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership.

Laboz said he would pay cash for the first, second and basement floors facing Court Street. Before he can develop the building, which was erected in

1925, he will go through a public review process with the Landmarks Preservation

Commission. The Finance Department, which currently occupies the space, will consolidate and move to other floors in the 13-story building before construction starts in 2012.

Laboz's firm, United American Land, has developed luxury lofts and highend retail space for Puma and Dolce & Gabbana. The group also owns the landmark Conway building at 505 Fulton

St., where a glassy H&M is under construction for a 2012 opening.

In winning the site, Laboz bested four other developers running the gamut of the retail world. One vanquished bidder was Jack's World, which operates a popular chain of 99-cent stores, while another was Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation, which owns the Madison Avenue property that houses Barney's New York. Somewhere in the mid-

dle was a bid from Trian-

gle Equities Development Company, which owns a Flatlands retail complex anchored by a Target. And the hometown favorite may have been the Bright City Group, which owns the Union Market chain of Brooklyn-based

supermarkets. The secretive Laboz is little known outside his circle, but did make headlines in 2007 after he evicted small business owners on Willoughby Street to make room for his 30-story retail and residential space

between Bridge and Duffield streets.

More than three years later, the buildings remain empty.

This isn't the first time the city sold off government floorspace. In 2008, the Queens-based Muss Development bought the first two floors of 345 Adams St. for an undisclosed price. The company, which also owns the nearby Marriott Hotel tower, plans to bring a Panera Bread cafe to the location in late fall.

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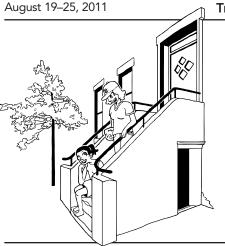
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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

BAY RIDGE



Eric Zheng, 22, manager of Crown KTV, said his club is good for the neighbourhood.

Manager: Club not a menace

Denies karaoke nightclub is hotbed for violence

By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

The manager of a 64th street nightclub blasted residents who are demanding the state shut his karaoke bar following the stabbing outside it last week, claiming his business has helped turn a neighborhood dead spot into thriving area.

Eric Zheng, 22, defended his notorious club, Crown

KTV — which has come under fire for allegedly allowing underage drinking and drug use — claiming his business has been the lynchpin in the rebirth of the area between Eighth and Ninth avenues.

"This block used to be empty. There used to be robberies," he said during a late-night interview in a kara-oke room at his club. "I think we are helping the com-

But the local community board doesn't think so, and the state is investigating whether the bar played a role in the early morning melee that saw five people sent to the hospital and Chun He Lin, 41, hauled off by cops.

Zheng told us that Lin got into an argument with another customer over a \$500 gambling debt, so kicked them and the groups they were with out of the club. But the two men continued to fight outside, so employees told them to walk in separate directions.

As soon as the guards turned their backs, the groups rushed toward each other and the melee exploded in front of his club — which Zheng said his staff should have seen coming.

"We probably could have done better," Zheng said. "By the time we got out there, the fight was over.

It's not the first time the club has let down neighbors, according to the community board.

Complaints about the club to the board have been constant, said CB10 district manager Josephine Beckmann, who claims club owners misrepresented themselves when

they were negotiating their liquor license.
"They [said it would be a] family restaurant that had karaoke, but when you went inside, it looked like a nightclub," CB10 District Manager Josephine Beck-

mann said last week. Zheng, whose parents own the club, was only a teenager when he first discussed the liquor license with the

community board, and admitted he may have misrepresented his intentions.

"There was a little misunderstanding when we first started," Zheng said. "I probably said the wrong thing. I don't even remember.

Still, he denied charges of excessive noise, saying there are no neighbors to complain in the mostly industrial area in which the club lies, and said he suspected

his competition is behind the complaints. "There are five to six different karaoke bars around here," he said. "Sometimes it's the competition who make

fake phone calls.' Zheng also denied drugs are prevalent in his club, saying cocaine isn't popular with his clientele, which

is almost exclusively Chinese. "I've never heard of any Asians around this area that do cocaine," he said. "If they have something illegal,

we throw them out The club hardly seemed like a noisy neighborhood menace when a reporter visited late Saturday night despite the fact that a few customers illegally smoked cigarettes in the main bar area. Bored employees milled in the hallways, waiting for customers to show up to shepherd into private singing rooms, and a security guard

who declined to give his name said business had taken a hit since the stabbing. "When something like that happens, no one wants to come here," he said.

GREENWOOD HEIGHTS

Graffiti mural for 7th Ave.

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

A subway vandal-turnedacclaimed graffiti artist has transformed a construction site into a canvas of spray

paint — and neighbors in

the South Slope are giving it mixed reviews. On Friday, Mike "Mr. Kaves" McLeer — a Bay Ridge-based graffiti bomber morphed a drab 90-foot wall into a vibrant mural with a "Honeymooners"—themed (sort of) on Seventh Avenue

and 19th Street. The temporary mural which will stand for only couple months until a beer garden opens there this fall combines some images from the Brooklyn-set 1950s sitcom with a gritty hip-hopflare.

"It's the purest form of art," said the sunglassesand-fedora sporting Kaves, before shaking a can of red spray paint. "And it still has an outlaw soul."

Neighbors didn't mind that lawless look — and even stopped to snap a few cellphone photos — calling



Graffiti artist Mr. Kaves painted a large-scale mural on the corner of 19th Street and Seventh Avenue where his friend Larry Hyland will be opening a beer garden.

it a skillful throwback to old school Brooklyn.

"People remember when graffiti messed up this neighborhood — but this isn't just scribbles; it's real talent," said Joe Guerrieri, who owns Joe's Auto Glass across

the street

Other folks on the block where a sleek condo sits around the corner from MS 88, just south of the Prospect Expressway — worried the area's new centerpiece might inspire less-skilled wannabe

"It's a well-done piece but real estate developers might see it another vay," said passerby Alexander Trimpe.

Greenwood Beer Garden -a 3,000-square-foot venue scheduled to open this fallweren't bothered when they gave Kaves permission to

TriBeCa's Hionas Gallery, which showcased Kaves's work this month. "His art is very mature, distinct and confident," said Wolf, who lives in the neighborhood. "He is a master at his trade."

— who go got his start as a 12-year-old tagging trains and was featured in Juxtapoz Magazine in June — isn't concerned with the critics, whether they're big-name art writers or just neighbors around the corner.

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paint it this summer.

Nor was Justin Wolf of

Love it or hate it, Kaves

"There will always be naysayers," he said, without taking his eyes off the mural. 'But, you know, they said the same thing about Cub-

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Ratner takes on rat problem

Residents near Yards get free heavy-duty trash cans

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

Bruce Ratner is taking out

The Atlantic Yards developer on Monday began doling out heavy-duty covered garbage cans to Prospect Heights residents who have claimed that his Atlantic Yards mega-project has brought freakishly large rats to their streets. The move came one month

after the company promised to reimburse infuriated locals for rat-proof cans.

"The gesture is a good start as long as it's not just a gesture," said Karen-Ida Scott, a Dean Street resident. "Our demand is to have the rats be manageable. We live in New York - we're not unrealistic about the flood of rats that has overtaken us.'

Neighbors of the \$4.9-billion Atlantic Yards project which includes the under-construction Barclays Center basketball arena have long blamed their rodent troubles on construc-

By Aaron Short

A mom-and-pop circus

that filled the void when

Ringling Bros. and Barnum

The Brooklyn Paper

CONEY ISLAND



Scott, Lucian Wells and Deborah Howard got their

172 cans at the Atlantic Yards Community Liaison Office. which is in a trailer on Carl-

Circus folds up tent

& Bailey pulled out of Co-

ney Island this summer has

folded up its tent six weeks

tors, musicians and design-

ers such as Jennifer Connelly,

Mike D of the Beastie Boys

and Zac Posen — recall that

above all, he espoused the im-

portance of the individual.

his worldview," said Mary

Watson, who graduated from St. Ann's in 1978. "You are

the architect of your own

life, and it would drive him

crazy when people said oth-

Students took college-

level classes, read Baude-

laire and determined their

own course of study at a

to his students in any way -

"He never condescended

Watson, who taught Latin

that Bosworth shaped the

mindset of a generation of

parents — including her. She

refused to send her son to

"My legacy is the notion

any other school.

very young age.

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"You could learn just from

Vidbel Circus abruptly

cans will help residents stop providing a feast, in the form

eir cans this week still make an appointment.

maid wheeled cans - valued at \$32 apiece — were approved by the Health Department and purchased at Pintchik Hardware on Bergen Street.

To be eligible for the giveaway, residents must live in a

building of 12 or fewer units within the area bounded by Vanderbilt and Fourth avenues and Atlantic Avenue and Bergen Street. Forest City Ratner spokes-

man Joe DePlasco said there were no plans to expand the area of eligibility. Councilwoman Leti-

tia James (D-Fort Greene) said she was disappointed that Ratner's offer doesn't extend beyond the immediate neighborhood to Fort Greene, but Peter Krashes, resident of the Dean Street Block Association, said that this is the first time he can remember that Ratner has accommodated a community request.

"Let's hope they understand they have an ongoing obligation for the length of the project," he said. "This is only a first step."

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BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Stanley Bosworth, St. Ann's founder, is dead

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

Stanley Bosworth, who founded the St. Ann's School in Brooklyn Heights with a radical vision of educating children without grades, curriculum, schedules or even treating them like children, died at his home on Aug. 7. He was 83.

Bosworth led the Pierrepont Street school from 1965 when he taught 53 students in the basement of St. Ann's Episcopal Church until the school pushed him out in 2004 during a pattern of eccentric behavior. It was around that time

that he granted an interview to New York magazine, which drew attention to his well-established objection to bourgeois norms. "I believe in the freedom of the individual, in sexual freedom.... These things are not just beliefs. They're lives



ant puppet of Bosworth in honor of his final year as headmaster in 2004. lived," he said, adding in ref-

erence to the school's leadership, "And they never lived those lives!' Such brilliant insanity

likely spurred his reluctant retirement — but the school named its main building after him in 2007.

Former student Ben Adler, a political journalist, said in whose numbers include ac-

"became a bit odd in old age" and that "his politically incorrect and lascivious proclamations ... were a turn-off for many parents." Bosworth would indeed

a recent essay that Bosworth

speak freely about his exwives, sex and philosophy. He married and divorced three times and had five children and one stepdaughter, whom Still, Bosworth awed all

other than the way he conhe raised. Two of his wives descended to everybody." worked at St. Ann's; one was said writer Jeff Yang, who a former student. attended St. Ann's from third grade until graduating in who knew him — especially 1985. "He always challenged his students, who entered the us intellectually." at St. Ann's for a time, thinks

Ivy Leagues in such prodigious numbers that the Wall Street Journal ranked St. Ann's the best high school in the country in 2004. For decades, Bosworth's

approach attracted parents

who felt stifled by traditional

schools. that learning is not punish-His former students ment," Bosworth told the New York Times in 2004.

Prospect Heights residents (from left) Karen Ida rat-proof garbage can, courtesy of Bruce Ratner. When workers began exof easily accessible household trash, for the vermin.

cavating the Vanderbilt Yards in 2007, they displaced scores of rats, who gradually found new homes in the surrounding streets. Since then, the vermin have been feasting on sidewalk trash, gnawing on cars and invading apart-

Now Ratner will dole out ton Avenue. The tight-lidded If residents didn't obtain

The 34-gallon Rubber-

packed up its horses and ac-

a lease with Central Amuse-

ment International to oper-

ate on a Stillwell Avenue lot through Labor Day — replac-

ing the elephant-size void left

abandoned its 2,400-seat tent

our 'walk-up' would be

enough to make a profit

unfortunately, this was not

the case," said Vidbel Pres-

ident Susan Vidbel-Ash-

ton. "We stayed as long as

warts believe that the cir-

cus's failure was its poor

but they did a horrible job set-

ting up their entrance, they

did not have painted banners

advertising the circus, and

Sideshow operator Dick Zi-

gun, who is a master of self-

But Coney Island stal-

They were nice people,

we could.'

promotion.

considering our location -

'Our thoughts were that

after just two summers.

robats and rode out of town a

spite tickets that cost just \$10. Some performances were Susan Vidbel flew high flat-out canceled when no one in the Vidbel Circus, showed up at all, an official but the troupe couldn't with the Florida-based onemake any money, so it ring extravaganza told us. folded its tent in Coney The company had signed Island six weeks early.

> 15 minutes before a showtime — that's how you sell tickets!" Promotion failures appear

when Ringling Brothers to have extended beyond the show's closing. The company's website remains online disappointing some fans who sought out the show this "I was disappointed, es-

pecially since I brought my id there, and she was very excited about going to the circus," said Yuliya Cher-

she told me that it was a nice surprise for her because we don't go to the circus often. The lot will be empty for

nova. "On the way there,

the rest of the summer, but Zigun hopes a new circus, perhaps Ringling Bros., will "All circuses are not

they didn't have the slightest idea how to ballyhoo," said equal," said Zigun. "I wish Ringling Brothers, a greater show on earth, would come and show promotion. "Take back — they know how to the horses and clowns and advertise. Frankly this was put on mini-circus parade an amateur circus.

mere 20 days after its Independence Day weekend opening because the less-thangreatest-show-on Earth was not making enough money. Some shows drew as few as 15 customers a night, de-

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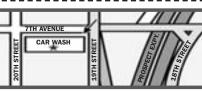
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Big bar brawl at Hank's Saloon

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Bar brawl

An angry tippler stabbed a fellow drinker at a Third Avenue bar on Aug 12.

The 44-year-old victim told cops that he was at Hank's Saloon near Atlantic Avenue at midnight when an argument got out of control. That's when the surly stranger rushed toward him and cut his neck with a sharp object.

Police are seeking a 41year-old suspect.

iSad

A crooked couple snatched an iPad from a woman on a Queens-bound N train on Aug. 7.

The 28-year-old victim told police that she was on the subway at 11:26 pm when it pulled into Borough Hall. When the doors opened, a strange woman plucked the device from her hands and fled.

The victim and a witness chased the thieves, but they got away.

Pay-per-view

A shady moviegoer stole a man's MacBook from a Court Street theater on Aug. 9. The 43-year-old victim

told police that he found a seat at the cinema near Schermerhorn Street at 10:30 pm and set his backpack on the floor. When the closing credits rolled, the man realized that his bag — with the expensive laptop and a hard drive — were gone.

Bad directions A crook swiped a purse

and navigation system from a car on Joralemon Street on Aug. 9.

The 48-year-old Staten Island victim told cops that she parked near Clinton Street at noon and left a window open. When she returned an hour later, her stuff was gone.

Window slop

A thief broke into a Wyckoff Street building on Aug. 11 and snatched a man's Mac-Book from his bed.

The victim told cops that he left his home near Smith Street at 9 pm. When he returned two hours later, his bedroom window was open and his laptop was gone.

His 3-year-old son and babysitter were home, but didn't hear the thief break that someone broke into her apartment through her window and left footprints on her bed.

Four play

A band of teens clobbered a man on Adams Street on Aug. 10 and stole his cellphone.

The 38-year-old victim told cops that he was near Fulton Street at 11:57 pm when five young marauders approached. One of them punched him in the face and another grabbed his Black-Berry after he fell to the

The thieves fled toward Willoughby Street.

Precious metals

Copper prices may be dropping, but thieves still see it as the new gold. Bandits raided two

DUMBO construction sites on the same block this month - snatching up tens of thousands in copper piping. • First, thieves stole power

tools and \$1,800 worth of copper from a Bridge Street construction site on Aug. 6. A 40year-old contractor told cops he left the site near Plymouth Street at 7 pm. When he returned the next day, his office was busted open with a crowbar and the non-precious metals were gone.

• Two days later, burglars stole \$15,000 in copper piping from a Water Street site.

A 38-year-old handyman said that he locked his storage area near Bridge Street at 4 pm. When he returned the next morning, his chain was cut and the hot commodity was gone.

Metal-hungry crooks have been working Brooklyn for a few years now, most recently hitting Brooklyn Heights in June Such crimes tend to ebb and flow based on the value of the easy-to-steal metal.

The price of copper is hovering at \$4 per pound, down from \$4.25 in June.

— Kate Briquelet

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Lottery scam

Swindlers used a classic lottery sting to steal a whopping \$10,500 from a woman outside the Park Slope Co-op The smooth talkers ap-

proached the woman on Union Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 1:40 pm, and informed her they'd

BrooklynPaper.com/blotter won a multi-million-dollar

lottery ticket — but needed cash to redeem it, and would reward her accordingly. The gullible victim withdrew \$7.500 from two banks, and then took the thieves to her house, where she retrieved another \$3,000.

Cash in hand, the bandits asked for some tea - and promptly left the apartment while it was being made.

Phone stings

Two iPhones were snatched and a third phone was nearly stolen in separate incidents last week. Here are the details:

· Cops arrested two teenagers for allegedly stealing a woman's phone on Fifth Avenue on Aug. 9. The victim told police that she stopped to make a call near Second Street at 8:30 am. That's when the teens snatched the phone and took off. They were picked up on Third Avenue soon afterwards.

· A clumsy would-be cellphone thief grabbed a woman's phone, but dropped it in a botched getaway on Seventh Avenue on Aug. 9. The woman was near 14th Street at 9:45 am when the man approached and attempted to grab her phone. In the ensuing struggle, he dropped the device and fled in a panic.

 A thief swiped an iPhone from a man's belt on a subway platform at Grand Army Plaza on Aug. 12. The victim told cops that he was waiting for a Flatbush Avenuebound train at 11 pm when his new iPhone 4 was swiped by the bandit, who fled from the station.

Bike clipped

A Kryptonite chain and cable lock weren't enough to save an unattended bike on Seventh Avenue on Aug

A woman told police that she locked her bicycle outside of the Barnes and Noble store at around 10:20 am. When she returned one hour later, she discovered that the bike — and her racing helmet — had been taken.

Purse snatchers Thieves made fine din-

ing a little more expensive for unsuspecting restaurant •In the first incident, a

woman told cops that her purse was stolen inside of Sette Enoteca on Seventh Avenue at Third Street on Aug. 11. The purse contained the victim's house key, Medicaid card, CUNY graduate school ID and \$150. In the second incident.

a woman reported having her wallet stolen out of her purse at Bogata Latin Bistro on Fifth Avenue on Aug. 14 She told police that she saw the robber filch her wallet at 1:16 am inside the eatery near Douglass Street. Police say they arrested their man half an a hour later.

Bodega blues

A thief swiped cash and cigarettes after busting into a Fourth Avenue deli on Aug.

Police said the man broke into the store, between Union and President streets, between 1 am and 4:38 am, and removed the goods.

Money matters

A thief broke into a President Street home on Aug. 13 and made off with \$350.

The victim told cops that he left his apartment between Sixth and Seventh avenues at 5:15 pm and returned at 6:30 pm to find his wallet, car keys, prescription sunglasses and cash missing.

— Daniel Bush

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Bad advice Two hulking brutes

jumped a 21-year-old in Fort Greene Park on Aug. 10 then brazenly told their victim that he'd "be safe" if he stayed away from the popular urban oasis.

The victim was walking through the park near the corner of Myrtle and N. Portland avenues at 11:55 pm, listening to his headphones, when the thieves jumped him, ripped the earphones off his head and demanded his cash.

The victim handed them \$20—and the thieves offered something in return: "If you stay away, you'll be safe,' one of the goons said.

iPhone grabs Thieves in Fort Greene

and Clinton Hill grabbed up a half-dozen iPhones last week. Here's the rundown: • A thief on a bicycle

swiped an iPhone from an unsuspecting 31-year-old woman on Quincy Street on Aug. 7. The victim was between

Classon Avenue and Down-

ing Street at 10:35 pm when

the suspect rolled up behind

her and plucked the \$600 smartphone right out of her

on Flatbush Avenue on Aug. 12 — running off with her iPhone.

the suspects swarmed her. · A crook swiped an iP-

hone from a 30-year-old

woman's hand as she sat on a 3 train leaving the Fulton Street station on Aug. 12. The victim was sitting by a subway car door at 7:20 pm when the thief reached

inside, grabbed her phone and fled. · A not-so genteel pair jumped a 34-year-old man at the corner of Greene Avenue and Cambridge Place on Aug. 14, taking his iP-

The suspects approached the victim at 2:38 pm, greeted him with a "What's up" then proceeded to punch him in the face until he gave up his pricey communication

· A thief took an iPhone off a 22-year-old woman at the corner of S. Elliot Place and DeKalb Avenue on Aug.

The thug jumped her from behind at 12:15 am, taking her property.

A goon jumped a man at the corner of Willoughby and Carlton avenues on Aug. 11, taking his iPhone and wal-The victim was approach-

ing the corner at 10:30 pm when the suspect forced him to give up his property.

Bad day

Talk about a bad day on the rails! Four goons jumped a 20-

year-old man visiting from Virginia at the Atlantic Avenue station on Aug. 8 — mere moments after a cop gave the tourist a summons for smoking on the subwav!

The fearsome foursome struck up a conversation with the victim on a 2 train rumbling into Brooklyn at about 2 am. The victim and the four

train at Atlantic Avenue when he lit a cigarette — and was promptly stopped by a cop and given a summons. Once the cop left, the victim's new companions

suspects had just exited the

jumped him, leaving the 20year-old unconscious. When he woke up, his wallet, cellphone, \$500 and a pair of pricev shoes were miss-

ing, he told police. Purse snatch A brute jumped a 42-year-

old woman at Adelphi Street and Greene Avenue on Aug. 8, ripping the purse from her

The victim was on her way to a friend's home at 1:15 am when the thug attacked, snatching her bag, as well as the cellphone, digital camera and credit cards

Target swipe

A thief snagged the mother lode during a visit to the Flatbush Avenue Target on Aug. 10: a woman's bag containing a laptop computer, ipod, cellphone and credit cards.

The 30-year-old victim left her bag unattended in a shopping cart as she perused the aisles at 7:02 pm. When she returned two minutes later, her bag was gone.

Bike rock

A group of goons chucked a rock at a 44-year-old bicyclist rolling past the corner of Myrtle Avenue and Navy Street on Aug. 12, striking him in the face. The victim was rolling to-

ward the corner just before 6:30 pm when he was hit. A group of teenagers he spotted nearby were to blame, the victim told police.

Bra bilker A thief swiped more than

\$1,600 worth of "Dream Angel" bras at the Victoria Secret inside the crime-ridden Atlantic Terminal mall on Flatbush Avenue on Aug. The unidentified goon

pulled the uplifting undergarments — which cost between \$45 and \$58 apiece from store shelves at 1:20 pm, putting them in a Target bag. He then scurried out a back door before anyone knew what had happened.

Subway collar Two goons were arrested on Aug. 14 after they jumped

a 16-year-old inside the Lafayette Avenue subway The victim was waiting for

the train at 2:10 am when the thieves asked him what was hanging out of his pocket. When the teen looked

down to see, the thieves attacked, beating him mercilessly before running off with

But they didn't get far: cops picked up the two

charging them with rob-

Metal menaces

Three thieves robbed a

29-year-old of his suitcase on

Aug. 14 during a furious ex-

change on Cumberland Street

involving a unique weapon

victim between DeKalb and

Lafayette avenues at 8:55

pm. After hitting their vic-

tim twice in the head with

the skillet, the suspects ran

But the joke was on them

the victim had emptied

76TH PRECINCT

Carroll Gardens-Cobble

tapping his hapless victim on

the back with the muzzle of

The victim was between

off with the suitcase.

The suspects jumped the

a heavy iron skillet.

bery.

suspects a short time later.

When he got back into his car, he saw his cash was missing.

Club Acura

A thief stole an Acura while its owner was dancing inside a Havemeyer Street club on Aug. 12.

The driver parked at 12:45 am and went into the club near S. Fourth Street, but when he finished his night at 4:30 am, he saw his car was missing.

— Aaron Short

94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Northside

Stoop id

Two thieves stole a lap-

top from a man on his Manhattan Avenue front stoop on Aug. 8.

The victim was in front of his apartment near Withers Street at 4:28 pm when one perp took the computer. The victim ran after him and tacked him, but the perp handed the laptop to an accomplice, who ran down Meeker Avenue.

Grip of vice

A thief threatened a woman in her N. Fifth Street building and stole \$272 from her on Aug. 9.

The victim was near Bedford Avenue at 1 am when the perp covered his face with a bandana, and followed her inside. He flashed a silvercolored vice-grip wrench and demanded cash. The victim complied, and the thug ran away.

Withers away

Two robbers viciously mugged a woman for her bag on Withers Street on Aug. 12.

The woman was near

Graham Avenue at 9:15 pm when one perp put his hands over her eyes, while another punched and kicked her and pulled her to the ground by her hair. "Give me your sh-!"

one perp yelled, and then pulled the bag until its strap

Karate crime

Two thieves stole a man's iPhone on Wythe Avenue on Aug. 13.

The victim was near Metropolitan Avenue at 11:30 pm when one perp approached him and knocked the phone out of his hand. The other perp picked it up from the sidewalk, and both ran

— Aaron Short

68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Feel the burn

Armed thugs ripped off a Fourth Avenue gym on Aug. 14. An employee told cops that two men brandishing a

silver handgun and a Taser entered the workout spot between 87th and 88th streets at 8 am and ordered him to get on the floor.

They then led him into the office and told him to open the safe, where they snatched two envelopes con-

taining \$985, and ran off. Wheelers steal

Perps swiped the wheels off a car on Colonial Road on Aug. 7. The victim told cops

that he parked between 76th Street and Bay Ridge Parkway at 11:30 pm and returned early the next morning to find the wheels were

gone. Not cool!

Thieves stole more than \$2,600 in cash and checks from a truck on 66th Street on Aug. 12. The truck driver told

cops that he left the rig unlocked while making a delivery near 13th Avenue around When he returned, a red

cooler bag containing the cash and checks was gone.

Nothing sacred A heartless thug swiped

a purse from a woman praying at an 86th Street mosque on Aug. 12. The victim told cops that

she was in conversation with an alleged higher power at the mosque between Third and Fourth avenues at 11:15 pm when she saw a perp make off with her purse which held less than \$50, a cellphone and a Koran. — Dan MacLeod



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 $\bullet A \ group \ of teens \ mugged$ a woman waiting for the bus

The woman was at a bus stop between Pacific and Atlantic avenues at 9 pm when

the suitcase before leaving his house. – Thomas Tracy

Hill-Red Hook Tapped out An armed bandit robbed a 28-year-old man on Dikeman Street on Aug. 13 after

his firearm.

Van Brunt and Conover streets at 1:13 am when the suspect got his attention, flashed his handgun and robbed his victim of an iPhone and a \$1,150 Kenneth Cole watch. Window creeper

A thief sneaked into a Sackett Street home on Aug.

8, taking a bicycle and two laptops — while a 31-yearold woman slept. The thief crept through

an open first-floor window facing the front of the building between Hoyt and Smith streets sometime after 11:30 pm. When the tenant woke up the next morning, her wheels, computers and several credit cards had vanished. Houdini did it

A thief sneaked into a Bal-

tic Street apartment overnight on Aug. 12 — and cops have no idea how he did it. The 28-year-old tenant locked the door to his

apartment between Henry

and Clinton streets when

he left at 8 pm, but when he returned at 2 am, his laptop computer, an iPhone and \$900 in jewelry were gone. iPhone swipe An opportunistic thief crept into a Van Brunt Street

found sitting on an unattended desk. The smartphone's owner was in the back of the building near Reed Street when the

studio on Aug. 15, taking

an iPhone and a wallet he

11:20 am theft took place. — Thomas Tracy

90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick 'J' for jerk A perp stole phones from two 12-year-olds at the Lo-

on Aug. 8 and fled on his The victims were near Broadway at 12:20 pm when the perp pushed them against

rimer Street J-train station

the wall and yelled, "Give me your cellphones!" The boys surrendered

their phones, and the perp rode away.

Bike cash A thief stole \$200 — and the cash register that contained it - from a Havemeyer Street bike shop over-

night on Aug. 13.
The owner locked his store up at 7 pm, but when he returned to S. First Street at 6 am, he saw that the front door was unlocked and the register was gone.

Keap away A robber stole a woman's iPhone as she walked to the

when the thief grabbed her arm, took the phone and ran away. **Cash stash** A sneaky thief stole

train station on Keap Street

on Aug. 12.
The woman was near

Hope Street at 12:30 am,

Aug. 10. The victim was near Metropolitan Avenue at 3 pm

\$15,800 from a car while its

driver was changing a flat tire on Humboldt Street on

when the perp flagged him down and told him he had a flat tire. The driver got out of the car and pumped his tire, but left the car un-



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EYE OF THE STORM THE WORLD'S BEST CYCLONES COVERAGE

Cyclones stay tough in a dominating road trip

Only give up one game in last week's games

By Gersh Kuntzman The Brooklyn Paper

After taking three-of-four from the hated Staten Island Yankees, the Cyclones took four-of-five on the team's road trip last week. So at

the All-Star break, Brooklyn was just four-and-ahalf games behind the Yankees for first place and in a three-way tie for the league's lone wild-card slot. Here's a look back at the week that was:

Cyclones 9

Muckdogs 2 Aug. 9 at Batavia

The Cyclones began the road trip with a resounding win over the pesky Muckdogs that included a grand slam by hot-hitting Travis Taijeron.

The pride of Brooklyn got on the board first, with four runs in the second. After three walks, Ismael Tijerina knocked in two with a single. Then Javier Rodriguez knocked in two more with his 18th double of the year.

The Muckdogs did get two in

the eighth to cut the score to 4–2, but the Cyclones went nuts in the ninth, putting up a five spot and batting around.

Daniel Muno led off with a double and later scored on Ro-

By Gersh Kuntzman

driguez's RBI single. After an error loaded the bases, Taijeron hit the grand slam that served notice that these Cyclones are getting that last playoff spot.

Cyclones 3 Muckdogs 1 (Game 1)

Aug. 10 at Batavia

The Cyclones got all they'd need in the third inning. Carlos Leyva led off with a single, and Daniel Muno doubled Javier Rodriguez hit what should have been a groundout, but the Batavia shortstop threw home too late to catch Leyva. Muno scored on an error on the next play.

The Cyclones scored another run in the fifth. After Leyva and Muno singled, Richard Lucas knocked in a run with a single.

Muckdogs 2 Cyclones 1 (Game 2)

Cyclone reliever Jeremy Gould blew the nightcap. He had pitched two innings, striking out four, before starting the home eighth with a walk. He got the

next two outs before yielding a walk-off RBI double. It erased a nice performance by starter Jeffrey Walters, who gave

up one run in five innings. Cyclones 10

Muckdogs 4 Aug. 12 at Mahoning Valley

The Scrappers, aided by a double-steal, got a run in the first, but after that, it was mostly all

Cyclones.
In the second, the Cyclones got on the board on Cole Frenzel's dou-



Travis Taijeron has been hot at bat this week.

ble. And in the third, a run scored on an error, making it 2–1.

Three more runs scored in the

fifth, two on Richard Lucas's triple and another on a wild pitch.

The Cyclones made it 6-1 in the

sixth when Ismael Tijerina bunted home Travis Taijeron. The Scrappers got to starter

Carlos Vazquez in the sixth, loading the bases on a single, a dou-

That's when manager Rich Donnelly summoned Orlando Tovar

from the bullpen — but Tovar promptly gave up a sac fly and a two-run double, making the

But the Cyclones put it out of reach in the eighth, scoring four runs in a barrage. Charles Thurber led off with a double, moved to third on a bunt and then scored on a wild pitch.

After Tyler Carpenter walked, Tijerina doubled him home, then scored on

Another single scored another run before the rally

Cyclones 2 Muckdogs 1

Aug. 13 at Mahoning Valley

two wild pitches.

The Clones took the second game in a row from the Scrappers, thanks to a twoout double by slugger Richard Lucas and a sixth inning groundout.

But the story here was Cyclone pitching, which limited the Scrappers to just two hits on the night.

Starter Randy Fontanez gave up both in his four innings, but after that, the bullpen tandem of Steve Winnick and Todd Weldon shut down the Scrappers, giving up no hits and striking out seven in five innings.

Buy-a-Run day returns, continues to challenge ethics of kickball

By Aaron Short The Brooklyn Paper

Kickball's controversial fundraiser is back for

a second helping. On the last day of the regular season on Aug. 28, teams will be able to purchase runs at \$10 a piece, a benefit for the Greenpoint Reformed Church's food bank.

League Commissioner Kevin "Commish" Dailey is encouraging teams to "corrupt the system" by buying runs, and even wins, against rival teams to help the church buy food supplies for its pantry and soup kitchen.

"Some teams can buy themselves a playoff seed; others will be boxed out," said Dailey. "All I can say is put up or shut up. If your team is good enough, you can kick your way out of being out-bought."

Still, the fundraiser allows talent-challenged teams such as Salute Your Jorts, ironically named Natural Born Winners,

Sarah 'Imaginary Fernando 'El Number' Koniarski Matador' Martinez Kickball Fever Mathletes

or the beyond-stale Taco Taco Taco to finally beat the leagueleading John Cougar Mellen-

As such, not everyone is

"Whoever gives the most money wins? It's not really about playing a good game of kickball," said New Frontiersman pitcher Jessica "Sporting All-American Style" Siebert.

Last year, the league raised \$2,665 for the church, as one of the season's lowest-ranked teams, Hot Mess, bought victories over second-ranked Never Scared and thirdranked New Frontiersmen for \$300.

"It was the only day Hot Mess mercied anyone last year, so it was a good day," said Hot Mess infielder Ash-

"The Megaphone" Terrill. "Though I don't think the 'ranked' teams like it so much.'

So far Dailey has already raised \$4,000 and hopes to generate more through sponsorships with restaurants and bars near McCarren Park.

Several veteran kickball players have volunteered at the church's soup kitchen on Wednesday nights, and Dailey says that now the players can put their money where others mouths are.

"What people need to understand is unemployment is high, and services are being cut," said Daley. "Starving people need more money and there are more needy peo-

Game notes

A record rainfall on Sunday washed out much kickball action, as only 10 teams showed up to play.

Brooklyn United reaffirmed its reputation as the league's best sloppy weather team, butchering the Bacon Bits, 10-2, and dismissing People's Court.

"It was disgusting!" said Brooklyn United's "Hey" Kate Brown. "There was a huge puddle just past home plate, so to slide into home meant you were getting soaked. Ev-

In other games, of which there were few, Baywatch solved the slumping Mathletes, 5-4, Bacon Bits stomped on Natural Born Winners, and a rag-tag team of five kickball players, including Dailey, mercy-ruled Salute Your

Dailey was proud of the teams that came out.

"It was warm enough so it was like a water park - everyone got wet and extremely sore," said Dailey. "If you take a bad hop to the face, it's not going to hurt very much."

Brooklyn Kickball at Gilrov Field in McCarren Park than everyone else's.' (Bedford Avenue at N. 13th Street in Greenpoint), Sundays, 5-11 pm.

Quan wins the Derby!

By Alfred Ng for The Brooklyn Paper

Maybe they should call it Park Peak!

Last Saturday, the gentle slope of 17th Street was transformed into a racetrack featuring soapboxes made from all manners of junk — and 8-year-old Jason Quan crushed the competition and rolled away with the big trophy.

And what a trophy it was: square, pink, and made from the same valuable material that comprises the best soapbox racers themselves

Spectators marvelled at how fast Quan completed the one-block race route between Fifth and Sixth avenues — he was the only one to finish in under a minute.

"His cart was like a small bicycle," said our eagle-eyed shutterbug, Stefano Giovannini, who could barely capture the speed demon on film. "It was much faster

Quan's soapbox was simple: a three-wheeled wooden plank with bicycle handles in



Eight-vear-old Jason Quan of Cobble Hill won with a combination of speed and moxie.

the front. It might not have been as intricate as the others, but the kid-engineered soapbox finished twice as fast as the competition's.

"The car was light and the wheels were fast," Quan said, sharing his design se-

"I was so excited to win! I hope I can race next year."

More than 20 kids participated, with creative soapboxes featuring names like NASA, Golden Hobo and CrocCar. Some had wheelchairs attached, bicycle parts and one even bore the "Ghostbusters" insignia. Gio Rescigno's soapbox, simply named "Pie," resembled a muscle car (though was far slower). Harry Grad's soapbox was a hobo's dream: an electric fan-powered shopping cart filled with recy-

clable cans. The annual derby standard summertime rite of Middle America started in 2008, when the Open Source Gallery hosted a six-week soapbox build-



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Conjuring up a classic play on the weirdest stage

By Meredith Deliso The Brooklyn Paper

new theater company devoted to performing Shakespeare's classics in unexpected places is starting off on the right foot - with a production of "The Tempest" on a Greenpoint rooftop.

Porpentine Theater Co. founder Peter James Cook has been dreaming of directing the Bard's fantastical comedy on a rooftop ever since moving here six years ago and becoming acquainted with the tradition of the Brooklyn rooftop party.

"I loved the idea of an urban island looking out on the city," said the Green-point director, who's worked at more traditional venues such as The Brick in Williamsburg and DUMBO's Galapagos Art Space. "I liked the idea of escaping from the city by going a floor up.'

It was only a matter of finding the right roof, and after an initial location fell through, Cook turned to Craigslist. He quickly found an available space on Green Street, an in-



Magic man: Ben Vershbow and Eric Gilde (top) star in a new production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" that stands in a Greenpoint rooftop for a deserted island.

dustrial stretch that's no stranger to rooftop performances—a neighboring building has frequently hosted contemporary dance under the stars.

In keeping with the inspiration, the play begins in modern day at a booze-fueled rooftop party populated by twentysomething jokesters and status seekers, which then transforms into the world of Prospero, the exiled Duke of Milan, who attempts to restore his daughter, Miranda, to power through illusion and magic.

In setting the scene, Cook uses few props, beyond beer bottles and lawn chairs, and keeps the lighting at a minimum, instead letting the untraditional space do the work.

"I wanted to capture what's naturally evocative about being up there," said Cook. "I don't think anyone has been to a performance of 'The Tempest' quite like this before.'

"The Tempest" at The Roof (242 Green St. between McGuinness Boulevard and Provost Street in Greenpoint, no phone), Aug. 19-Sept. 5 at 8 pm. Tickets \$10. For info, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/191895.



just one of the many great artists lined up for the absolutely free Afro-Punk Festival, on Aug. 27 and

Seeing Green

Cee Lo headlines Afro-Punk festival

By Meredith Deliso The Brooklyn Paper

ee Green —without spending any. Cee Lo Green, the charismatic crooner behind the hit track "Forget You" (which also goes by a better name we can't print here) and one half of the hip-hop duo Gnarls Barkley headlines the Afro-Punk Festival, a jam-packed music event at Commodore Barry Park on Aug. 27 and 28 — and it's all free. The festival boasts some top alterna-

tive and hip-hop talent over the course of the two days, though Cee Lo, who perMUSIC

Afro-Punk Festival at Commodore Barry Park (Flushing Avenue and Navy Street in Fort Greene), Aug. 27 and 28 starting at 11 am. Free. For info, visit www.afropunk.com.

forms on the second night, will certainly be the big draw

"We've admired Cee Lo from afar," said festival co-founder Matthew Morgan. "Since we've been able to get bigger sponsors interested this year and could afford acts we couldn't book in the past, why wouldn't we do Cee Lo?"

Indeed, Morgan's annual summer gig, which initially started as a platform for up-and-coming bands from the afro-punk scene, has grown so much over the past seven years that he can book such a top commercial act like Cee Lo. Other big names are Reggie Watts, Gym Class Heroes, Toro Y Moi, Das Racist, and festival veterans Santigold and Janelle Monae. "I'm excited about the Janelles and Cee

Los, and for these new acts to get an audience," said Morgan. "You can come and see what's familiar, and leave with something new. That's why we do this."

CULTURE

Beer bash

It's last call at the Brooklyn Historical So-

ciety.

The landmark Brooklyn Heights museum been hosting a laid-back beer garden all summer long on its outdoor patio - and the final



soiree is Aug. 25. "We wanted to take advantage of this beautiful building and make it as accessible as possible," said Society spokeswoman Keara Duggan. "Having music and beer invites people who might not otherwise know we're here.

For this last installment, enjoy Brooklyn Brewery beverages and bluegrass tunes from the Get Down Boys and BBox Radio, which went through the museum to find inspiration, said Duggan.

You can also head indoors for your own inspiration, too, and explore the museum's current exhibitions, "Inventing Brooklyn: People, Places, Progress," "Painting Brooklyn Stories of Immigration and Survival" and "Home Base: Memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field." Be sure to raise a (figurative) glass to Jackie, Pee Wee and Duke.

Brooklyn Brewery Beer Garden at the Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. between Clinton and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], Aug. 25 at 7 pm. Free admission (drinks \$5). For info, visit www. brooklynhistory.org. - Meredith Deliso

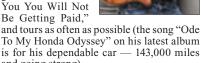
MUSIC

Guitar Hunter

Charlie Hunter may just be the eight-stringed wonder of the world. The guitar virtuoso, has made a name for

himself for his custom-made seven- and eightstringed instruments. He's also known for giving artists Norah Jones and John Mayer their big breaks before they've

made it big. Hunter may not possess their household names, but he's no slouch - the musician has put out 17 albums, including his most-recent, "Gentlemen, I Neglected To Inform You You Will Not Be Getting Paid,"



and going strong). Lucky for you, the musician's next stop is right in Brooklyn, as Hunter brings his laidback, blues-inspired signature sound to Sycamore in Ditmas Park on Aug. 25.

"My solo show really revolves around the drums - not playing the drums, but taking that attitude and patterns and trying to put them into what the guitar is doing," said Hunter. "I love playing in all different formats, but solo, I've just developed my own thing."

Charlie Hunter at Sycamore [1118 Cortelyou Rd. near Westminster Road, (347) 240-5850, Aug. 25 at 9 pm. Tickets \$10. For info, visit sycamorebrooklyn.com. — Meredith Deliso

FESTIVAL

Bklyn's finest

This Saturday's Fort Greene Park Summer Literary Festival is all about celebrating borough talent (that seems to be a theme lately). And making the ranks of its chosen "all-stars" are poets Bryonn Bain, R. Erica Doyle and Jon Sands,

and novelists Bernice McFadden and Rick Moody (pictured).

neighborhood."



Young adults and kids participating in sixweek free writing workshop will read their work alongside the famous writers, followed by an after-party at nearby Greenlight Bookstore.

Summer Literary Festival at Fort Greene Park (enter at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park) Aug. 20 at 3 pm. Free. After-party at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200] at 6 pm. Free. For info, visit nywriterscoalition.org. Meredith Deliso



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SATURDAY August 20



Discover what all the fuss is about Washington Avenue at a street fair that's geared towards foodies, fashionistas and families. The day will have all the usual fun, but don't miss a sneak peak at Kimchi Tacos, burgers from Dean Street, ceviche from Chavela's, cupcakes from Yaya's Cupcakes, and coffee from Stumpton. Plan accordingly.

Noon-6 pm. Wash Ave Rocks! (Washington Avenue between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place in Prospect Heights). For info, visit www.washing ton-avenue.org.

SUNDAY August 21

B&W and red all over

Check out the latest

extravagant party

from Gemini and Scorpio — the Black and White and Red All Over Ball. The bash is timed to the four-year anniversary of Coilhouse Magazine, but the real reason for this party is to host an underground costume ball of epic proportions at the Red Lotus Room. Even Franz Nicolay of The Hold Steady will be there!

7 pm. Black and White and Red All Over Ball at the Red Lotus Room (893 Bergen St. between Classon and Franklin avenues in Crown Heights). Tickets \$15. For info, visit www.geminiand-



THURSDAY

August 25

Get smart!

Sometimes, you just have to let the press release speak for itself: "Get Smart exhibits the best thinking across an array of topics, featuring beautiful trapeze artists, cabaret performers, live music, and wonderful fruit, vegetable, and tincture-based cocktails. Each evening includes three dynamic 15-minute lectures, punctuated by performances from Galapagos's sensation, Floating Kabarette!" Wow,

8 pm. "Get Smart lecture featuring Debbie Berebichez (pictured), Ron Eglash and David Rothenberg at Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500]. Tickets, \$20

FRIDAY

August 26

Read it!

From Walt Whitman to Truman Capote to today's literary stars (Foer, Lethem, Egan, MacLeod), Brooklyn has always been the loamy loins of literary creation (especially in Dan MacLeod's case). So let's celebrate our borough's history of artistic greatness with a reading from Evan Hughes's new history, "Literary Brooklyn," at the always excellent Greenlight Bookshop.

7:30 pm. Evan Hughes reads from "Literary Brooklyn" at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200]. For info, visit greenlightbookstore.com

MacLeod will be there.



SATURDAY

August 27



Retreat!

Everyone loves George Washington, but we Brooklynites have a love-hate relationship with the guy. Indeed, Gen. George was last seen sprinting with his troops across Carroll Gardens and Cobble Hill as part of an elaborate retreat during the Battle of Brooklyn, 235 years ago this week. Recreate that historic disaster at the spot where he fled to the safety of Manhattan, leaving his

Noon. Reenactment at Brooklyn Bridge Park [Main Street and Fulton Ferry Landing in DUMBO, (718) 802-0603]. For info, visit www.theoldstonehouse.org.

brave troops to die.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, AUG. 19

MUSIC, EVANESCENT: 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www. barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: Selec tions from Beethoven, Liszt with pianist Julien Quentin. \$35 (\$30 seniors, \$15 students). 8 pm. Barge music [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street

in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www. bargemusic.org. MUSIC, JAN BELL: 8 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-2770], www.peteocody.teve.com

37701, www.petescandystore.com. MUSIC, FISHTANK ENSEMBLE: \$10.

8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com. MUSIC, "TEEN WITCH" SING-ALONG: \$8. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www. thebellbouseny.com thebellhouseny.com.

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": Porpen-

tine Theater Co. trades a desert for a rooftop in its production of Shakespeare's classic. \$10. 8 pm. The Roof (242 Green St. between McGuinness Boulevard and Provost Street in Greenpoint), www.brown-papertickets.com/event/191895.

MUSIC, RUBBLEBUCKET: \$5.8 pm Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. be tween N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.com.

MUSIC, BLUE STAR BAND: Free. 9 pm. Greenhouse Cafe [7713 Third Ave. near 77th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8200], www.greenhouse MUSIC. THE LONESOME HEROE:

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MUSIC, HOWARD FISHMAN: 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Av enue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com. MUSIC, MAIL THE HORSE: 10 pm.

Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com. MUSIC, RANDY JOHNSTON'S PUR-SUITS UNKNOWN: 10 pm. Two Boots Brooklyn [514 Second St. at Seventh Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 499-3253], www.twobootsbrook-

MUSIC, BROOKLYN RE-UP, PROPER VILLAINS, SONKIN, INFUZE: \$10. 10 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street

in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory.com. MUSIC, KARAOKE: Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth



Michael Jackson forever: A fan holds up a photo of the pop icon during the first Michael Jackson birthday celebration at Prospect Park. The party returns on Aug. 27 to the Nethermead (enter at 16th Street and Prospect Park West).

Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

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Listed: SRDS



He's a Kiwi: Former 'Top Chef' runner-up Mark Simmons has been working the Park Slope scene for a few years, — and now he's finally opened his own place, Kiwiana, a tribute to his New Zealand roots. Pictured right is Simmons's salmon and lumpfish caviar ceviche.

Boy from aahhs!

Chef Mark Simmons opens his own place

By Sarah Zorn

for The Brooklyn Paper

et ready for a Kiwi invasion! New Zealand native Mark Simmons - formerly of Melt and Get Fresh Table and Market, both in Park Slope

and a contestant on Season Four of Bravo's "Top Chef" — opens his first solo venture, Kiwiana, today, on Union Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues. "I used to do a New Zealand night every month when I was at

Melt, and found that we were really filling the restaurant on those nights." Simmons said. "I figured it was a sign to finally open my own place, and do my food on a regular basis." Unfamiliar with the culinary

pleasures of wattleseed, horo-

pito, manuka honey or marmite?

Simmons has assembled a dining

room cupboard laden with the rare

they dive in and taste. "I want to show my diners what I'm all about," he said. "Traditional New Zealand flavors that aren't too foreign or fussy. I want to take classic dishes like Pavlova,

spices and native ingredients of

his homeland, where customers can take a peek or a whiff before

The aforementioned horopitoa kind of pepper berry — gets sprinkled over buttermilk fried chicken, while marmite (the controversial salty yeast spread) is used as a braising medium for baby back ribs.

and present them in an accessi-

I love so dearly."

ble way to the Brooklyn patrons

Simmons grew up on a sheep

"I don't like to take myself too seriously," said Simmons — who, in addition to spurning finicky plating, admits to giving his dishes secret, silly nicknames (a New Zealand salmon ceviche with lumpfish

"I just want to have a great time with my customers," he said. "I'm all about creating a homey, relaxed atmosphere.

We'd gladly kick back with a plate of pickled Green Lip mussels, a bottle of Steinlager, and this affable Kiwi anytime.

Kiwiana [847 Union St. between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 230-3682].

farm, so you know he knows lamb. At Kiwiana, he'll grind it into burgers topped—in classic Kiwi style — with pickled beets and a fried egg; and tuck it into savory pies sided with individual tomato-shaped vats of ketchup.

the British are coming to Rabbit Night British Invasion Karaoke Night caviar is the Mother and Son.)

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Railcar reborn

La Esquina takes over old Relish boxcar

By Aaron Short The Brooklyn Paper

illiamsburg's original railcar diner has been reborn as a cozy Mexican café. La Esquina welcomed hungry patrons at its grand opening with a fiesta this weekend iust over one year after Relish abruptly shut and left the Wythe Avenue diner vacant.

And neighborhood foodies will likely be pleased with the results. Owners Derek Sanders and James Gersten spent nine months remodeling the space, darkening the space which is predominantly illuminated by candlelight, adding supple black leather benches to the back room, and placing enough antique birdcages, skulls, and gold leaf in lays to make Captain Jack Sparrow feel right at home.

But like its predecessor, the food and the scene are its big-

La Esquina's chef Akjtar Nawab takes modern Mexican cuisine upscale, by adding octopus, brisket, crabmeat and duck to his quesadillas, taquitos, and tortas.



The menu features several delectable appetizers (around \$10), including the chipotle-infused smoked brisket taquito and revelatory woodsy mushroom taquito with poblano chili and posole. They're delicious, but too small to make a full meal.

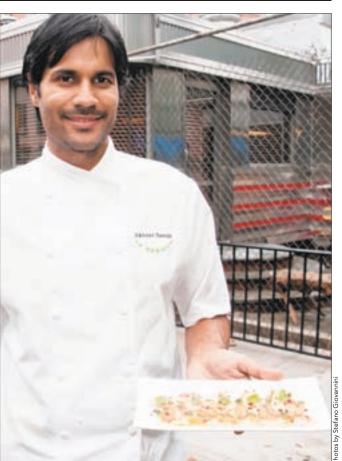
Add several sides, such as the sautéed green beans or the rice and black beans, or a filling main such as the light chili relleno or sumptuous duck in mole sauce,

a house specialty. Unlike many new Williamsburg restaurants, the service is impeccable, though the back room is too cramped and noisy.

Relish's opening a decade ago planted an early flag in Williamsburg's expanding culinary land-

Now La Esquina appears poised to lead that exploration further south.

La Esquina [225 Wythe Ave. at N. Third Street in Williams-burg, (718) 393-5500]. Open 6 pm-2 am. Visit www.esquin-



Meal ticket: Chef Akhtar Nawah makes a mean Dayboat Fluke ceviche at the new Cafe de la Esquina, which took over the Diner location on Wythe Avenue in Williamsburg. Pictured left, waitresses Nosrin Leahy and Pam Rickard (right) toast the opening of the new cafe.

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THEATER. "THE TEMPEST": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 19. MUSIC, WILLIAMSBURG

SALSA ORCHESTRA: \$5 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [6 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], www.brooklynbowl.

MUSIC, ZANE MCWILLIAMS & CAROLYN GILROY: Country-blues, rock. 8:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richard-son Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.pet-

MUSIC, MARTIN MCQUADE: Free. 9 pm. Greenhouse Cafe [7713 Third Ave. near 77th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8200], www.

greenhousecafe.com MUSIC, STEPHANE WREM **BEL:** 9 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], MUSIC, JOHANN: 9:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.pet-

MUSIC, ANA MALLOZZI: 10:30 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Wil liamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.

MUSIC, KING FALCON: 11:15 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardn Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

SALES AND MARKETS

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 20. PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 20.

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READING, LAURA LJUNGthe Line to School." Free. 4–5 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.power housearena.com

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8 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richard son Street in Williamsburg (718) 302-3770], www.pet-escandystore.com.

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PARTY AND FRIENDS: 9:30 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn. MUSIC. REUBEN CHESS: 10

pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richard-son Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.pet-

MUSIC. BLAKE CHARLETON: 11 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richard-son Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.pet-

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MUSIC, YETI CAMP: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www. barbesbrooklyn.com.

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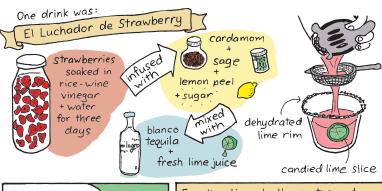
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READING, CHRISTOPHER
WEINGARTEN: Author of
"Hipster Puppies." Featuring a pet pageant, so bring
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7 pm. PowerHouse Arena
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FRI, AUG. 26

MUSIC, QUATRO NA BOSSA: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], **READING, EVAN HUGHES:**

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VALIER: \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com

MUSIC, BARNYARD BROTH-ERS, CHRIS Q. MURPHY & HIS FIENDISH THINGIES, BRIAN ELMQUIST, ANDY ZIPF: \$5.8 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz. MUSIC, TOMORROW'S

FRIEND: 8 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770],

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SAT, AUG. 27

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, AFRO-PUNK FESTI-VAL: Cee Lo Green, Santigold, Janelle Monae and more play during this music extravaganza. **Free**. 11 am. Commodore Barry Park (Flushing Avenue and Navy Street in Fort Greene), www.afropunk.com. MUSIC. BROOKLYN LOVES

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THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 19. MUSIC, FRANKIE MARRA: Free. 9 pm. Greenhouse Cafe [7713 Third Ave. near 77th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8200], www. greenhousecafe.com.

Con Edison Connects Homeowners with Energy Savings

Queens Boro President Joins Green Team At Home Energy Survey



NEW YORK - With the summer season quickly heating up, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall joined Con Edison's Green Team today at a Queens Village home to conduct an energy survey that will help the homeowner reduce costs and improve energy efficiency. Over 1,500 New Yorkers have signed up for the low-cost survey. The Green Team, which

includes experts from Honeywell, performs onsite visits and visual assessments of homes, evaluating the lighting, heating and cooling equipment, and appliances, for potential areas of improvement. The program is open to residential customers who live in one-to-four family homes in New York City and Westchester County. Ramesh Ganeshan of

Queens Village, N.Y., is among the latest homeowners to benefit from the program, which Con Edison offers to its customers for only \$50. Similar surveys can cost up to \$300.

The company sent a Green Team member to Ganeshan's home to perform an assessment, where the specialist identified opportunities for

The specialist also installed

compact fluorescent light

improvements.

efficiency

power strip — all part of the \$50 investment. In addition. the team identified opportunities for other energy-efficiency upgrades, along with potential rebates from Con Edison that could total up to \$1,000. "I take great pride in my

bulbs (CFLs) and a smart

home and keeping it up to date, but I didn't realize how many efficiency opportunities there were until I saw the Green Team's suggestions," Ganeshan said. "This experience revealed not just the simple energy-saving measures, like installing CFL bulbs, but it also opened my eyes to the other utility programs I could and should take advantage of."

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall said, "I urge everyone contact the Green Team to find out which program is right for them. This energy-saving program can reduce homeowner bills, provide greater energy-efficiency and help our city to become greener. Thanks to Con Edison and Honeywell, an energy audit can result in expert advice on how to re-

duce energy costs." "Energy efficiency is a straightforward concept,

but knowing what initia-

tives are right for a specific family or home can sometimes be a challenge," said Cristina Coltro, Con Edison program manager. "As we head into the summer season, when homeowners typically use the most electricity, the Home Energy Survey is a simple and effective way to uncover energy-saving opportunities." "There are a variety of low-

cost changes that pay significant dividends, but they are not always the obvious improvements," said John Augustino, energy-efficiency program manager for Honeywell Utility Solutions. "Honeywell helps keep more than 150 million homes efficient and comfortable. And we bring that expertise and experience to each of the Con Edison customers we work with."

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Doggy daze

'Hipster Puppies' invade DUMBO

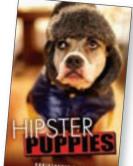
By Kim Lightbody

earded, plaid-wearing hipsters are coming to DUMBO this monthbut don't worry, these ones won't lock you into a conversation about Slavoj Žižek or Animal Collective.

'Hipster Puppies" will invade powerhouse books on Aug. 25—a bark-filled beauty pageant to celebrate Christopher Weingarten's new photo book of dogs straight outta Williamsburg. In other words, if you like your pups with oversized glasses, headphones, and wool hats on them, this is the event and book for you.

"I wanted to have an event for the book, but I wanted an excuse for people to bring their dogs," said Weingarten, a resident of Greenpoint. "It's a lot more fun than me standing in front of people reading from my book."

Weingarten began the puppies-as-hipsters craze last year on blogging website Tumblr as



a light-hearted parody of the bedheaded, Kombucha-drinking Brooklynites who have turned Williamsburg into something of a national joke. The website launched the book, "Hipster Puppies," which includes not only the photos of dogs looking like art school dropouts, but sarcastic captions that poke fun at the hipster lifestyle. One dog claims, for example, that he can taste the difference between regular and fair-trade coffee

and looking at the picture.

you almost believe him. Rather than make fun of people, Weingarten chose to relay his message through

furry canine companions. "I'm an amateur social anthropologist when it comes to people," joked Weingarten. "But I'm a full-blown professor of hipster animals."

His skills will be put to the test at the pageant, where he'll have to choose the prizewinning pup. As guests sip on free cans of PBR (what else?), Weingarten will be judging each pupster's accessories and attitude.

"It's going to be really hard for me to not just go with the cutest dogs, because I'm very partial to smushy-faced pugs and Chihuahuas," he said. "But I don't want to compromise the integrity of the pageant. It's going to be which one is the most hipster."

Hipster Puppies Pageant at powerHouse Arena [37 Main Street at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], Aug. 25, 7 pm.



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Two Toms serves the perfect cut in grandma's rec room

here's no menu at Two Toms. You don't need one. As far as you're concerned, the only thing to order is the



Here's the way it works: You go into Two Toms and you ask the owner Anthony Catapan what he recommends. He says, "The pork chop.'

Catapano, who is the newphew of one of the original Toms, Tom Giordano, could be forgiven for using the word "the" as a superlative rather than a mere definite article. The pork chop at Two Toms is indeed "the" pork chop, a massive, double-thick porcine T-bone that is charred to



Chop house: Nettie Barbella enjoys the double-thick grilled pork chops.

a crisp on the outside, yet juicy and sublime on the inside. The bone alone could keep you happy for two days (unless you foolishly give it to the dog).

Get it with the vinegar Beyond "the" pork chop, little else comes out of the kitchen that would bring in the foodie crowd: the antipasto is strictly sliced meats, cheese and roasted red peppers; not transcendent; the spaghetti carbonara comes in a huge plastic bowl like grandma used to serve (though memory suggests that Nonna's version had more kick).

But this pork chop forgives all sins. And that's worth something in this mediocre world.

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See ya! 'The mayor' resigns

Phil DePaolo, the unofficial leader of Williamsburg, leaves his longtime neighborhood for Nassau County

The mayor is moving out. Williamsburg activist Phil DePaolo famously named "The Mayor of North Williamsburg" by this newspaper in 2009 — is moving his family to Nassau County this week after living in the neighborhood for three decades. DePaolo blames the Bloomberg administration, which he claims has ruined the school system and caused his children unnecessary angst. But there's more to the departure of "the mayor" than some swipes at the mayor, so we sent Aaron Short to check in with DePaolo as he packed up his van.

A: It's the schools. I'm tired of my kids being a prop for Bloomberg. One is going into sixth grade and another is going into third—their last year was trying. Bloomberg created a toxic atmosphere pitting new teachers against established teachers. Test prep is all they did -they didn't have a rounded curriculum.

And principals get merit pay based on test scores — all the pres-

Q: Why are you really mov-sures fall on the kids. I don't want my kids being statistics. I want them to be students.

> Q: When did you first move to Williamsburg and what was it like then?

A: In 1979, I got thrown out of the Lower East Side and moved to S. Fourth and Wythe. I was in two bands at the time — The Thugs and The Funky Knights, punk-funk bands. We used to pack places like Max's and CBGBs. Williamsburg was very different from the Lower

East Side. Italian, Polish, Hasidim, Puerto Rican and Dominicans were all living here and getting along. I

thought that was very cool. Where did you hang

A: There weren't many restaurants and those are gone now. There was Teddy's, Mugs, The Greenpoint Tavern, Kasia's and Turkey's Nest, which hasn't changed at all. When I first came out here we used to complain there weren't enough bars. Now there's a bar for every barbe careful what you wish for.

Q: Was there a lot of crime

A: There was a lot of prostitution on the waterfront but there wasn't much crime. I've been living here 32 years and I haven't gotten mugged. There are a lot of car break-ins and thefts now, and this is supposed to be the crime-free good days.

O: What are you going to miss the most about Williamsburg?

A: I'll miss the intimacy and usability of the neighborhood. Not everything [in Port Washington] is walkable

I'll miss Fortunato Brothers' cheesecake. But I'll still come back every couple of weeks we still have a lot of friends here.

Q: What are you going to miss the least?

A: Noise, construction noise,

and drunk people.

Q: Who's going to be the new mayor?

A: Well, [Christine] Quinn is getting all the money from developers and the mayor.

Q: I meant of Williams-A: You are. I'm naming you the

new mayor. Don't make me come back and kick your ass.



The unofficial Mayor of Williamsburg, Phil DePaolo, is moving out, to Long Island!

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Fearless

t seemed like sleep-away camp would be a test of my boys' independence. Little did I know, it would be as much a test of mine.

We'd gone shopping to the dreaded sporting goods store with a long list of items to buy - sleeping bags and flashlights, extra bathing suits, blankets and duffel bags big enough to hold 14 days' worth of underwear, socks and clothes.

As we discussed what they'd realistically need, my boys began to fess up about their penchant for testing the limits of decency, telling tales with sly smiles of wearing the

same pair of socks for seven days, the same pair of unfor... I put

up my hand then. I didn't tle bit straighter, bigger and want to know. It would be up to them even more so at camp, there was nothing I could do. the two weeks ahead when I weighed in simply, "You rethey would be in the care of ally should change your underwear, often." counselors watching out for

In that store, I saw my two little baby boys grow taller. Maybe it was just in my mind, like an internal time-lapse film, but they seemed to stand just a lit-

By Stephanie Thompson more solid, as I asked them to make choices for themselves. It was practice for

a slew of kids. I stepped away to look at

something and when I returned, the boys excitedly showed me the goggles they had chosen

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I was impressed. They'd

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actually put some thought into their decision, weighed their options, looked at prices and come to a pretty reasonable conclusion. It was more than I could say for myself most times, so I commended them. As I was feeling proud, an-

"Of course, the most expensive..." I began, only

grily. "No!" he said defen-

sively, and pointed to the dis-

play. "We chose the ones in

the middle ACTUALLY," he

said. "The most expensive are

a rip-off and the least expen-

sive ones — like you always

Eli agreed. "Yeah, Mom.

We know what we're do-

buy - always break."

Oscar nodded his head an-

slightly in iest.

other feeling crept in: fear. Holy \$#!+. These kids didn't really need me so much anymore!

It wasn't as if it was an epiphany. It occurred to me fairly often this summer that they had begun to rely on my opinions less and less, not defiantly, but more just because they were learning to form their own not necessarily exactly the same as mine, that they often decided when to go to bed and when to wake up, what to watch and read and do without bothering to consult me.

I was fostering this, of course, purposely trying to give them the confidence that comes with knowing you can make good decisions for yourself (or, conversely, deal with the ramifications of bad decisions), but still. What, exactly, was I supposed to do with all that time and energy I'd spent deciding and doing most everything for my kids? Much as I complained about it, lamented with other mothers about the challenge of it, worrying about my kids and what they should do took up a fair bit of my focus.

It was nice to see that Eli still needed me, opting out of the packing of his bag despite my yelling at him to at least help a number of times. He still understood that part of me liked to feel useful like that. Oscar on the other hand, proving his mettle as the younger one, had his bag packed neatly in no time. Actually, after he gave me a lesson in how best to fold a shirt, he began to help me pack up his brother. Clearly, he had far

less emotional baggage about the task. He just did it. The next day, as I sat on the

steps outside the boys' conjoined cabins, I heard Oscar grunt and groan as he tried to make his top bunk.

"Now I know how my Mom feels, this is hard... I heard him say to his new friend.

I smiled. Maybe they weren't quite done with me yet. I hugged them both hard and said quick good-byes, staring at their tanned longhaired little selves. They'd expressed their nervousness and reservations about going it alone, but there were no signs of it now.

A friend whose son had gone to the same camp the year before - and loved it saw me as we walked out to the parking lot. "They'll be fine,"

she said reassuringly.
I looked at her. "Them?
Oh I know they'll be fine," I said, "I'm more worried about me!"

Once alone in the car, Big G and I were unclear on what to do first with our newfound freedom. We looked at each other, slightly mystified, almost like strangers.

"So..." he said.
"So..." I said.

We sighed. It had been so long since we had only ourselves to think about, only ourselves to entertain. The feeling came rushing back: so many options, so what? Restaurants, theater, work? Nothing seemed quite so exciting now, in this moment, as the flush of enthusiasm on my little boys' faces as they encountered something cool, as the feel of their little bodies as I grabbed them for a hug.

"I think this is why we had kids," I said. "So we had something to do...

A week and a half later, I have become much more accustomed to doing my own thing, to eating on my own schedule, working on my own schedule, to doing as I please. The Big G and I have dined out, hit some wineries we had longed to visit for tastings and lazed about much as we did in our days before kids. It's been a precursor to the empty nest we will face hefore long. There are nice aspects, I won't lie, but I have a lot to re-learn about living without the pull of little hands.

Maybe I'll have to have another one..

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GORILLA

Continued from page 1 staged a full-staff walkout that shuttered the hip coffee shop for two weeks.

The employees' letter claimed that owner Carol McLaughlin acted more like a slave driver than a latte slinger, calling the workplace "unhealthy." The New York Times

posted the letter on its City Room blog as neighbors wondered if the indie-rockthumping nook — known for pretty foam hearts in bright red cups — actually had a dark side.

The shop reopened two weeks later with an army of new workers — but McLaughlin and co-owner Darleen Scherer claimed that the damage had already been done: They filed a lawsuit alleging that workers' letter, coupled by bad press, had tarnished the shop's reputation for having a "certain goodwill as merchants," according to court documents.

The whole ordeal, they said, had caused a slump in business in the socially

conscious neighborhood a slump for which the former employees and the newspaper should be held respon-

But on Wednesday, Saitta disagreed, ruling the letter was too opinion-driven to qualify as defamation which is defined as, "making a false statement of fact" to disgrace a person or entity. Under First Amendment libel law, for example, one can publicly call her boss "cheap" - but one can't claim that hhe steals money from her paycheck if he really does

Neither McLaughlin nor Scherer responded to calls and e-mails seeking comment, and their lawyer, Stephen Finkelstein, would say only, "We're disappointedbut we have no comment." When pressed, he added, "I don't have time to give you a lesson in defamation."

At the Fifth Avenue shop, one barista explained that she "hadn't even heard about a lawsuit," and that the bosses treat her fine.

LIBRARY...

Continued from page 1 was on staying alive."

Last year, the nation's fifth-largest library system dramatically cut weekend branch hours, choosing to retain union employees instead of retaining Saturday hours. And in 2009, the librarv cut Sunday service altogether because employder union contracts.

ules won't bring back any Sunday hours, but will add an average of eight hours to branch schedules beginning on Sept 10. The Brooklyn library

ees got time-and-a-half un-Johnson's reworked sched-

will be open from 10 am to

workers' union, Local 1482, did not respond to requests for comment.

Continued from page 1 money, she said - and have not given it back. "We've always been will-

ing to make restitution, but my client needs those records," said her lawyer, Stephen Flamhaft. Mondo ordered the police to return Hogan's computer,

but wasn't moved by the PTA mom's excuses. 'You're portraying her as someone who is incapable right now of raising the money to make the school

whole," Mondo told Flamhaft.

"I don't believe for a minute

that she has no funds." Flamhaft certainly does,

telling the judge that if the case does go to trial, he would have to recuse himself because Hogan would not be able to pay his legal fees. Outside court, Flamhaft told reporters that Hogan was

prepared to go to jail. "She's admitted her guilt and she knows that if she goes to trial, she could go to jail," he

said. "I'm going to have to talk some sense into her." Hogan didn't speak at the hearing and refused to

branches on Saturdays, including Williamsburg, Flatbush, Kensington and Dyker, from 10 am to 5 pm. And other libraries that were closed on Mondays

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6 pm, including the Canarsie, Carroll Gardens, Clinton Hill, and Windsor Terrace branches.

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speak to reporters. Nor did

the dozen PS 29 PTA moms in the gallery. PS 29 parents were outraged that Hogan hadn't made good on her promise to return the money she pilfered.

"We had hoped that she would give us the money back and make the school whole," said PTA co-president Jane Heaphy. "Now that she's failed to do that, we're said, was installed at the restanding behind the prosequest of Community Board cutor in this case.'

Mondo ordered Hogan to return on Oct. 3. If Hogan doesn't make restitution by then, a trial date will be set,

6. Also, the city argued, the

Continued from page 1 in a statement. "[They] were dead wrong.' The ruling marks a his-

torical moment in for bikecentric Brooklyn - and for the Prospect Park West bike path, which made international headlines after the city removed a lane of car traffic on the busy thoroughfare to create a two-way protected route. Opponents argued that the

she make eye contact with city had turned the peaceful street into a danger to pedestrians. The lawsuit also alleged that the city fudged data about the success of the lane and tried to squash opposition. The city maintained that it installed the path only af-

ter extensive analysis and a process that was "rational and reasonable in all respects." The lane, officials

lane has the the support most neighbors, according to two surveys. In the end, Judge Bu-

nyan ruled on the narrowest of grounds: That the foes' lawsuit was filed after the deadline for citizens to challenge permanent changes to the cityscape. But supporters of the

lane were drawing a muchbroader conclusion from the "This decision is not just

a victory for Park Slope, it's a victory for all New Yorkers' safety," said Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation Alternatives. "This project is a great example of how neighborhoods can get relief from dangerous traffic.... The city has made Prospect Park West safer for everyone. The demise of this farcical public relations stunt confirms what the vast ma-

for New York. Good, perhaps, but still under fire.

jority of New Yorkers already

know: bike lanes are good

The lawyer for Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes said on Tuesday night that an appeal is an option.

"This is just the first battle in what is inevitably going to be a longer war," said the lawyer, Jim Walden, adding that he will likely refile court documents to obtain city records that could show that the lawsuit was not filed too late because the city never intended the bike lane to be permanent.

Meanwhile, Councilman Brad Lander (D-Park Slope), a lane supporter, hailed the judge's ruling, but tried to play the diplomatic role by looking forward, not back.

"I'm glad to put this behind us," he said. "I don't think any of us - on either side of the debate — thought we would be spending so much time debating one mile of green paint.'

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Who's stealing Brooklyn dogs?

Pooch-snatching trend is growing across the boro

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

Who snatched Matsu? A playful little Yorkshire Terrier was dognapped while waiting for his master outside a Fort Greene deli last Frione of three known pooch thefts in the area in

the past five weeks. Joan Hong — who is now offering a \$1,000 reward for her dog's return — said her boyfriend tied up the pup outside Hanson's Gourmet Deli on Hanson Place at 11 pm. He came back a few min-

utes later and discovered only a leash tied to a pole - no Matsu in sight.

"It's heartbreaking," she said. "It doesn't even seem real; it keeps hitting me in

Matsu - who's black and tan with a stocky build could not have freed himself, Hong said. It was obvious that someone had undone his harness

The frantic couple hopped on bicycles and posted dozens of "missing dog" fliers around the neighborhood.



Someone swiped Matsu, the lovable Yorkie belonging to James Reinhold and Joan Hong.

They later took to the Internet, posting ads on Craigslist

The apparent dognapping comes exactly one week after a white terrier named Win-

cop, no less — by a trio of out-of-towners in Prospect Heights.

In an equally bizarre case, thieves smashed the window

ston was stolen — from a

Bedford-Stuvvesant, took a diamond ring, a laptop and her 7-year-old Yorkie named Boots on July 7.

"It's like stealing a part of the family," said Eleanor Almeida, Boots's human companion. "We're still praying he comes back safely.

Snatching dogs is nothing new - especially small expensive breeds that are easily lipped on the black market according to the American Kennel Club. In fact, the group notes that stolen pet reports have skyrocketed - from 150 to 22 $\overset{\checkmark}{4}$ — in the city in the past year.

Tony neighborhoods are not immune, according to groomers at the upscale shop Pup Slope in Park Slope, noting that the shop's bulletin board has seen a slew of stolen and missing pet signs this summer.

"Yorkies are very popular and worth quite a bit of money," said the worker, who asked not to be named. "It's just like any possession."

Even so, a spokesman for

the NYPD said dog theft is larceny — Matsu cost \$900 rare. "Has it happened before? Yes," he said. "Is it widespread? No way."

In this case, a suspect

-although the crime is emotionally on par with a kidnapping.

Indeed, Hong said she and could be charged with petit her boyfriend James Reinholt eyebrows while posting fli-

consider the pooch their kid. ers on Tuesday — was more "He's the reason I wake up in the morning," she said.

Reinholt — who wore a deep crease between his

"Just give us our freakin" dog back," he said. "It's not



BUSCEMI.

Continued from page 1 settes and ratty hats on his little-known site, "What's on Steve Buscemi's Stoon?'

It wasn't until last month that local bloggers found Schnackenberg's project and mused whether it was "cool or not cool."

Riled-up residents gave more than just one- or twoword answers.

"He's lucky I don't know him!" said 37-year-old Slope resident Kurt Schamann, who said he would have no qualms about beating up Schnaken-

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a ticket!"

"I love it," said one res-

That's not entirely ac-

curate. The car itself is not

owned by the ticket-busting

owner wasn't gearing up to

ident. "'Fight a ticket' got

TICKET.

berg. "Steve is a regular guy who grew up in Brooklyn and then you get people like this who don't respect that!"

Susan Desocio, who lives in the Slope, said people should rummage through the blogger's garbage in return.

"He was psychoanalyzing Steve Buscemi's stuff," Desocio said. This guy needs some medical attention."

Schnakenberg, who has penned such celebrity titles as "Christopher Walken Ato-Z," said his blog was never meant for the wider world

battle the \$45 summons.

ment, but it's somebody else's

many motorists currently have

their cars plastered with his

ads, and the owner of the car in

question could not be reached,

objects from the museum's

collection of African art, in-

cluding "Mother with Child

(Lupingu Lua Luimpe)," a

Lulua sculpture from the

Democratic Republic of the

Congo that is considered to

Still it'd be hard to unstage

be one of the great masterpieces of African art.

the King, and, indeed, visi-

tors to the museum on Sun-

day were immediately drawn

to the peculiar mask, which is

found rather unceremoniously

in the corner of the exhibit, in

thought, 'What's Elvis do-

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car," said Michael Gross.

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Gross couldn't say how

just a small community of Buscemi fans.

He started the site in 2009, after he walked his dog past the actor's home, saw a disembodied doll's head on a fence post and took a photo with his phone.

Schnakenberg said that in the weeks that followed, more junk appeared and gave him "a lot of little mysteries to solve."

For instance, why did Buscemi have a hat from the Philadelphia Department of Corrections? It turns out that the actor once narrated the audio tour guide at the Eastern State Penitentiary Museum in Philadelphia

but it's a growing trend.

accounts, although the com-

pany does handle individual

cases. As such, his company

will fight the ticket if the

SUV owner enlists the ser-

vice, which charges a small

fee if the case is won. "I hope he has our num-

ber," Gross joked.

Gross added that most of wefighttickets.com's busiof the mystery. ness comes from commercial

Buscemi's wife, who is an artist, was the one who had been setting out most of the junk, he said.

"I should have called it 'What's Steve Buscemi's Old Lady Throwing Out?'" Schnakenberg said. "I am glad the blog ended without any acrimony between me and the Buscemi family. I am all about living at peace with my neighbors.

"A couple of my followers pointed that out to me," Schnakenberg said. "I never would have figured that one out on my own. It's a testament to the power of crowdsourcing.'

Erica Reitman, whose blog, F-ked in Park Slope, tipped people to the shortlived Buscemi trove, praised Schnakenberg for respecting the actor's family's wishes to shut down the site.

"I just wish Steve had had some fun with him first," Reitman said. "He could have started leaving naked Barbies with shaved heads, pig knuckles ... at least that's what I would have done." Schnakenberg said that

Buscemi's son sent "the nicest cease-and-desist letter I could ever hope to receive' — but that also ruined some

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ELVIS.

Continued from page 1 knew of the late Elvis's be-

havior," said Dumouchelle. The Elvis mask, which is on view indefinitely as part of the exhibition, is a nice

get for the museum. "I don't know of many public museums that have them out on display," said Dumouchelle, who's been wanting to get a piece like this in the museum's collection for a number of years. "We're

breaking some ground." The curator wisely assumes the Elvis mask will be a big draw.

"It's just kind of funny and unusual enough to catch your eye," said Dumouchelle, though he hopes museum goers will use the opportunity to also explore the rest of the exhibition, which features 200

with the piece.

"It's ugly," said the Sheepshead Bay resident. "What's wrong with his nose? It's not a very good depiction."

Still, she took a picture with her cellphone camera. Other museum-goers were curious about the piece, but

were left with more questions than answers. "How do you wear it?" wondered Dan Greenberg, who was visiting from Connecticut. "I would love to see a video of how they

used it." For others, those curiosities are the mask's charm.
"It's definitely a good museum piece," said Aaron Harry of East New York. You could contemplate

"I can't see too well, but about it for hours. I saw it from across the "African Innovations" at museum," said Jack Ucthe Brooklyn Museum [200 ciardino of Bensonhurst. "I Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], open now indefinitely. Closed Mon-His companion, Stacy Marshall, wasn't so taken days and Tuesdays.

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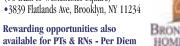
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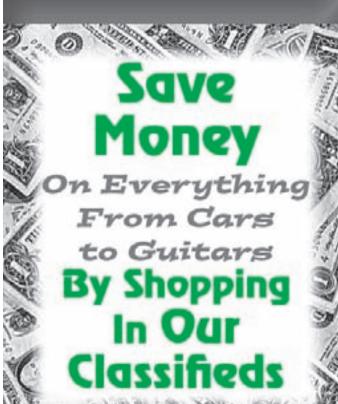
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